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**Sierra Grant Awarded to
Sequoia Riverlands Trust**

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to the Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT). SRT is a regional non-profit land trust dedicated to conserving the natural and agricultural legacy of the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley. The grant funds awarded will assist with the final stages of a 5-year project to open two new nature preserves for Tulare County. One preserve is a restored gravel mine and the other is 1,800 acres of rolling hillsides, both preserves will have picnic areas, trails and interpretive signage to serve the community as a destination for recreation and education.

About The Sierra Grant Program

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at www.bankofthesierra.com.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley's Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 25 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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